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I want to announce this from EPA when we are ready. Please share comments

David

EPA Region 6 mobile incident response command post and mobile laboratory are being deployed to New Mexico to assist with local response to the Gold King Mine spill in Colorado. The response command center is equipped with offices and communication systems. The command center will serve as central operations for field EPA personnel helping communities in Northern New Mexico. EPA will maintain current staffing at the San Juan Emergency Operations Center to ensure coordination with state and local officials. The mobile laboratory will be used to process water quality samples for analysis to determine when water quality has been restored. Additional EPA scientists and technicians under contract to EPA will be sent to San Juan County in New Mexico. EPA will join with scientists from New Mexico Environment Department to offer free water quality testing for private domestic drinking water homeowners potentially impacted by the spill. The free testing will be provided until the spill plume passes out of the area and water quality in the river meets the state and federal public health standards. Once restored, drinking water systems

including private domestic wells in the area will resume normal operations.

For the latest information, photos, and the data when available, visit [www.epa.gov/region6](http://www.epa.gov/region6) .